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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

In re Application of)
Klaus W. Hartig, et al.) Examiner: T. Speer
Serial No.: 08/486,643) Group Art Unit: 1315
Filed: June 7, 1995) Atty. Dkt. No.: 2372.853
For: METHOD OF MAKING HEAT)
TREATABLE, DURABLE, IR-)
REFLECTING SPUTTER-)
COATED GLASSES)

COMMUNICATION



Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the communication of the Examiner dated November 14, 1997 (Paper No. 11).

This application has been, kindly and appropriately, suspended from prosecution to await the outcome of the Board of Appeals' decision in a co-pending application. The decision in that co-pending application is, of course, seminal to how to handle the subject application. On June 22, 1998, after not hearing from the Board for several months, applicants' undersigned counsel made telephonic contact with the Board of Appeals, and was informed that the Board of Appeals has to have a status inquiry from them in order to give me any further information, even though the undersigned is counsel of record.

However, the Board was able to state that the case is still pending.

From informal indications among various counsel and Examiners, it would appear that the Board of Appeals is working out its backlog difficulties and that this case, hopefully, will soon be coming up for resolution. Applicants, in this regard, have specifically requested an oral hearing.

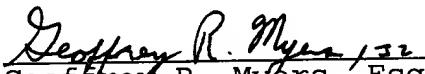
In an attempt to get a more official update, applicants have simultaneously herewith filed yet another "Status Inquiry" with the Board of Appeals, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP §709, the Examiner is respectfully requested to continue the suspension of prosecution for another six (6) month period. In this respect, if the Examiner deems it appropriate to shorten the suspension period, applicants, of course, have no objection thereto.

Once again, if the Examiner has any questions concerning the above, he is invited to call applicants' undersigned attorney at the below-listed new telephone number and new address.

Should any fee(s) be incurred with the filing of this Communication, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 50-0555 and notify the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

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I hereby certify that this correspondence
is being hand-delivered to Group 1315 this
9th day of July, 1998.

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